



## **Regional Service Council Minutes**

### **Region # 7**

**Meeting Date:** August 11, 2006

**Meeting Location:** Blackford County Courthouse  
Annex

**Council Members Present:** Marilyn Scales, Chuck Osterholt, George Herman, Harriet Weekly, and Deb McGriff-Tharp

**Council Members Absent:** Judge Bade, Judge Dailey, Judge Hutchison, Betty Lyons, Steve Cox, Pat Ergle

**Others In Attendance:** Jay County Director Chris Wagner, Delaware County Director Jackie Fisher, Amanda Ramirez from Triple L Youth Ranch, Deanna Reece from Family Service Society, Connie Rose from Family Service Society, Dan Arens from Meridian Services, and Rodney Barbee from Wernle Children's Home.

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Meeting Called to Order at:**

1. Report from Meridian Services on Community Partners for Child Safety. Dan Arens presented a handout with their preliminary plans for start up and establishing services in each County. See handout.
2. Review of Local Budgeting Process—Deferred to September meeting.
3. Review of Child Welfare Allocations, Protocols, and Written Agreements—Deferred to September meeting.

4. Reviewed of Updated Regional Services Council Protocol. Two items were brought to the attention of the Council members: 1) Judges may send a proxy; and 2) Page 6 refers to the Council members role in the allocation of funds. See handout.
5. Review of Voluntary Services and the Phase Down Plan—we reviewed the power point presentation with Council members. See Handout.
6. Development of Regional Plan—Discussion was held about the plan and hiring BSU Social Science Research Center to assist us with the plan.
7. Other Agenda items: 9/14/06 All DCS staff meeting in the Regions. Council members were made aware of this plan. Amanda Ramirez from Triple L Youth Ranch presented their program to the Council.
8. September meeting: Due to vacation scheduled for Regional Manager Scales, we agreed to keep the September 8 meeting and Chris Wagner would chair the meeting.

**Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:** 9/8/06 at 1:00 PM. Blackford County Courthouse Annex.

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 2:05 PM